

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-73 (cancelled).

Claim 74 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for estimating the relative coverage of a plurality of third-party search engines, the plurality of third-party engines including at least a first third-party search engine and a second third-party search engine, the method comprising the steps of:

forwarding a set of queries query to each of the plurality of third-party search engines;

retrieving a full list of results comprising pages matching the query from each of the plurality of third-party search engines;

retrieving text for all pages listed in the full list of results corresponding to each of the plurality of third-party search engines;

filtering out pages from the full list of results corresponding to each of the of third-party search engines if the pages are unavailable or no longer match the query, and

estimating the relative coverage of the plurality of third-party search engines, the estimating step including the steps of:

(i) determining a first value equal to the overlap number of pages in the filtered full list of results corresponding to each of the first and the second third-party

engines divided by the number of pages in the filtered full list of the second third-party search engine;

(ii) determining a second value equal to a number of pages in the filtered full list of the first third-party search engine divided by the overlap number of pages in the filtered full list of results corresponding to each of the plurality of third-party engines;
and

(iii) determining an estimate of the relative coverage of the plurality of third-party engines by dividing the second value by the first value by comparing an overlap number of pages in the filtered full list of results corresponding to each of the first and the second third party engines to an overlap number of pages in the filtered full list of results corresponding to each of the plurality of third party engines.

Claims 75-79 (cancelled).